

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Previously presented) A method of indicating loading status of application views in an electronic device, the method comprising:

providing a floatable control area for controlling given software functions of the electronic device wherein the floatable control area includes a control block for changing the location of the floatable control area in a display area of the electronic device;

detecting a start of an application view loading function;

indicating information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the application view loading function is active; and

displaying the loaded application view in the display area of the electronic device and ending the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area, when the application view loading function ends.

2. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, wherein the information relating to the application view loading function comprises information on status, rate, progress or duration of the application view loading function.

3. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, the method comprising displaying the floatable control area at least partly over the application views shown [[on]]in the display area.

4. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, the method further comprising providing a control block for interrupting the application view loading function in the floatable control area when the application view loading function is in process; interrupting the application view loading function on the basis of a detected control command from the control block for interrupting the application view loading function; and ending the indication of the

information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the application view loading function is interrupted.

5. (Previously presented) The method of claim 1, the method further comprising changing the location of the floatable control area on the basis of detected control commands from the control block for changing the location of the floatable control area.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, the method further comprising providing control blocks for controlling given application view navigation functions in the floatable control area.

7. (Original) The method of claim 4, the method further comprising hiding the control blocks for controlling given application view navigation functions when the application view is loading.

8. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, the method further comprising displaying the floatable control area semi-transparently in the display area.

9. (Currently amended) The method of claim 1, the method further comprising displaying outlines of the floatable control area in the display area.

10. (Previously presented) An electronic device comprising:

a control unit for controlling functions of the electronic device,

a display for showing application views coupled to the control unit, and

an input device for giving control commands coupled to the control unit,

wherein the control unit is configured to provide a floatable control area for controlling given software functions of the electronic device wherein the floatable control area includes a control block for changing the location of the floatable control area on a display area of the electronic device, detect a start of an application view loading function, indicate

information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the application view loading function is active, and when the application view loading function ends, display the loaded application view and end the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area.

11. (Previously presented) The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the information relating to the application view loading function comprises information on status, rate, progress or duration of the application view loading function.

12. (Original) The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to display the floatable control area at least partly over the application views shown on the display.

13. (Previously presented) The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to provide a control block for interrupting the application view loading function in the floatable control area when the application view loading function is in process; interrupt the application view loading function on the basis of a detected control command from the control block for interrupting the application view loading function; and end the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the application view loading function is interrupted.

14. (Previously presented) The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to change the location of the floatable control area on the basis of detected control commands from the control block for changing the location of the floatable control area.

15. (Original) The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to provide control blocks for controlling given application view navigation functions in the floatable control area.

16. (Original) The electronic device of claim 15, wherein the control unit is further configured to hide the control blocks for controlling given application view navigation functions when the application view is loading.

17. (Original) The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to display the floatable control area semi-transparently on the display.

18. (Original) The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the control unit is further configured to display outlines of the floatable control area on the display.

19. (Previously presented) A computer program product stored on a computer-readable medium and including computer-executable instructions for indicating loading status of application views in an electronic device, the computer-executable instructions performing steps comprising:

- providing a floatable control area for controlling given software functions of the electronic device wherein the floatable control area includes a control block for changing the location of the floatable control area in a display area of the electronic device;

- detecting a start of an application view loading function;

- indicating information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the application view loading function is active; and

- when the application view loading function ends displaying the loaded application view in the display area of the electronic device and ending the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area.

20. (Previously presented) An electronic device comprising:

- controlling means for controlling functions of a user interface,

- displaying means for showing application views, and

- input means for giving control commands,

the controlling means being further configured to provide a floatable control area for controlling given software functions of the electronic device wherein the floatable control area includes a control block for changing the location of the floatable control area on a display of the electronic device, detect a start of an application view loading function, indicate information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area when the application view loading function is active, and when the application view loading function ends, display the loaded application view and end the indication of the information relating to the application view loading function on the floatable control area.

21. (Previously presented) The electronic device of claim 10, wherein the display is a touch screen.